

center tiles to provide an entirely adhesive-free installation.

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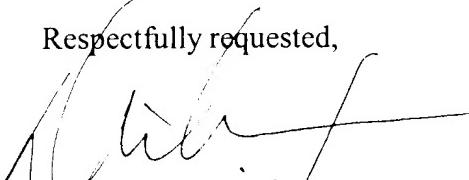
REMARKS

Following entrance of the present Preliminary Amendment, Claims 3 – 7 are present for consideration.

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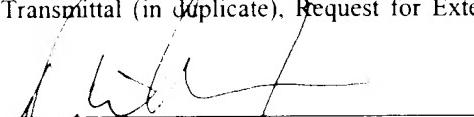
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3. (Amended) An adhesive free cushion backed carpet tile installation comprising:
a plurality of carpet tiles each carpet tile comprising:
an upper textile surface; and
a layer of polyurethane foam material, said layer of foam material being functionally secured beneath said upper textile surface, and said layer of foam material being adapted to provide cushioning to a force pressing against said upper textile surface, and each carpet tile positioned in an abutting relationship relative to each other and substantially freely overlying a predetermined surface, wherein each of said carpet tiles has a plurality of corners, with said corners being manufactured to have a cup of about 3/16" or less and a curl of about 1/16" or less prior to installation.

4. (Amended) The cushion backed carpet tile installation according to Claim 3, wherein each of said corners has a cup of about 2/16" or less and a curl of about 1/32" or less.

[NEW ADDED CLAIMS]

5. (New) The cushion back carpet tile installation according to Claim 3, wherein each said carpet tile has an overall thickness of about 0.20" to about 0.55" and a foam layer thickness of about 0.10 to about 0.25".

6. (New) The cushion back carpet tile installation according to Claim 3, wherein said foam layer has a density of about 8 lbs. per cubic foot to about 22 lbs. per cubic foot.

7. (New) A method of adhesive free installation of the plurality of carpet tiles of Claim 3, comprising the steps of:

measuring the room to determine the center point, aligning a minimal number of tiles (generally four tiles) at the room center point, temporarily securing into place the aligned tiles by way of double stick tape, since no adhesive is then required for the carpet tiles, pushing additional tiles into place about the center tiles, progressing outwardly until the entire flooring region which is to be covered is properly overlaid with tiles, and removing the double stick tape from beneath the center tiles to provide an entirely adhesive-free installation.